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ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, COMMONWEALTH BUILDING,

BOSTON, Jan. 20, 1887.

*To the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives :*

In accordance with section 9 of chapter 17 of the Public Statutes, I have the honor to submit to the general court the annual report of this department.

The total number of cases that have required the attention of the department is 388. The following table is a classification thereof:—

	1885.	1886.
Indictments for murder, . . . . .	16	23
Exceptions and reports in criminal cases, . . . . .	92	104
Information upon relation of public officers, . . . . .	46	129
Information upon relation of private persons, . . . . .	18	11
Miscellaneous, . . . . .	93	13
Civil suits, . . . . .	—	8
Total, . . . . .	265	388

I have attended to the disposition of the following cases in the Supreme Judicial Court, in which the prisoners were charged with the crime of murder:—

## IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

On February 1, at East Cambridge, Charles Hayes, a colored man, for the murder of Mrs. Matilda Robinson, also colored, by cutting her throat with a razor, on September 3, 1885. The case was tried before Justices Devens and Holmes. E. G. Walker and Peter Casey, esqs., were counsel for prisoner.

The trial occupied two days, and the prisoner was convicted of murder in the second degree, and subsequently sentenced to State prison for life.

Also at East Cambridge, on December 13, 1886, George Francis Baker and Mary Ann Jane Baker, his wife, for the murder at Groton of Mrs. Susannah Prescott, on November 11, 1885. Mrs. Prescott was a woman over eighty-eight years of age, who owned a life estate in the house in which she lived. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker lived in the same house with Mrs. Prescott and looked after and took care of her, besides paying her fifty dollars per year for rent.

On the morning of November 11, Mrs. Prescott was found in her kitchen lying in a pool of blood, partly undressed and covered by an old mat. She was not then dead; she subsequently died. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker were indicted for the murder and tried together, before Justices Devens and Holmes, with F. T. Greenhalge, and W. H. Attwood, esqs., as counsel. Mr. Baker was acquitted. Mrs. Baker was convicted of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to the house of correction at East Cambridge for life.

#### IN THE COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH.

The most important murder trial of the year was that of Samuel F. Besse of Wareham, Plymouth County, for the murder of Richard M. Lawton, — a murder of the most daring, brutal and cold-blooded character. The evidence in this case was mainly circumstantial, but of such a character and so well connected that the chain of evidence became complete and left no doubt as to the guilt of the prisoner. The trial began on May 18, 1886, and occupied three days. Chief Justice Morton and Associate Justice Holmes presiding.

The victim of the tragedy was but twenty-eight years of age, a young man of excellent habits and exemplary character, residing with his father in the town of Westport. His occupation was that of buying eggs for the market, or running an egg route, as it is termed.

On the morning of December 23, 1885, persons passing on the Plainville road in Acushnet discovered, at a point 100 yards east from the Plainville hotel, a horse attached to an express



wagon. The animal was in a jaded condition, and had every indication of having been driven for a long distance. Upon the wagon were numerous bloody marks, and inside, nearly concealed from view by egg boxes, — only the feet being visible, — was the body of him who was afterwards identified as Richard N. Lawton. The body was badly mutilated. Five large wounds were found on the left side of the body, and over the chin and face were scattered between thirty and forty small wounds. Four buckshot were found in the head, two in the throat; the skull was fractured and a part of it driven into the brain. From the fact that the pocketbook of Lawton, known to have contained something over one hundred dollars, was missing, it was evident that robbery had been the motive for the crime. Lawton was last seen alive at ten o'clock on the day of the murder at the house of one Handy, on Fearing Hill, which he left to go to the house of another customer about two miles distant. To this place he never came; and from this fact it was supposed that the murder was committed between the two places, and particularly so, as between them is a long strip of woods. Near the road, about midway in these woods, was discovered evidence of a team having run into the woods, of a quantity of leaves such as Lawton used in packing of the eggs, of a wagon cushion saturated with blood, also shavings in a similar condition, and in a tree near by several buckshot were found embedded. The next morning several persons said that they saw a man driving a wagon of the same kind as Lawton's, and that that man was Besse. Besse was also seen in the woods by one Westgate, who heard the report of a gun, and then some one call "whoa." Westgate spoke to Besse, who said he had shot a rabbit, and that his dog had gone on, and would he (Westgate) not send him back.

These, with other facts, led to the arrest of Besse, which was accomplished with some difficulty, first, because he could not be found, and second, when found, fought before he could be captured. He attempted to account for his whereabouts during the time in which the crime was committed, but unsuccessfully. There was subsequently found a bag of shot corresponding with those found in the tree and in the head of Lawton in the house of Besse's father; also a comparatively good pair of pants stained with blood and from which a piece, near the

knee, had been recently cut. Besse was known to be poor and rarely to have any money. The same day of and the day after the murder it was proven that he expended over fifty dollars in money of the same general kind known to have been in the possession of Lawton, both in Wareham and New Bedford. These facts, together with much other testimony, which came out at the trial, constituted an unbroken chain of evidence which the able counsel—Hosea Kingman, esq., now District Attorney, and John C. Sullivan, esq.—for the prisoner failed to break. The trial lasted three days, and resulted in a verdict of murder in the first degree. The counsel for the prisoner took exceptions to several rulings of the court at the trial, and these were argued before the Supreme Judicial Court for the Commonwealth at the November sitting. In January the same were overruled, and subsequently the prisoner was sentenced to be hung in March next. District Attorney Bumpus assisted me, and he and the officers who prepared the case for trial deserve much credit.

The indictment pending at the time of my last report against Charles Johnson, for murder, with a razor, of James Burns of Swanzey, Bristol County, May 9, 1885, was disposed of by defendant pleading guilty to the charge of manslaughter, and receiving sentence of twenty years in the State prison.

The indictment pending at the time of my last report against Timothy and John Coffee of Boston, Suffolk County, for the murder, with a knife, of John Cullen, has been disposed of. John Coffee died. Timothy Coffee was tried and convicted of manslaughter, receiving a sentence of ten years in the State prison.

The case of Frank Mitchell, charged with the murder of Ellen Mitchell, on July 20, 1885, by choking, which has been pending in Suffolk County since my last report, has been disposed of by the discharge of the prisoner on his own recognizance.

The case of Charles W. Cobleigh for the murder of Etta A. Cobleigh, at Templeton, Worcester County, on June 20, 1886, by shooting, is still pending; the defendant being sent to the lunatic hospital to await the further order of the court.

The case of William A. Lyons of Foxborough, Norfolk County, for the murder of Elizabeth Arrington of said Foxborough, was disposed of by the defendant being discharged on his own recognizance.

The following indictments for murder are now pending:—

Herbert I. Hoxie, of New Bedford, Bristol County, for the murder of Herbert L. Woodward, otherwise Herbert L. Hoxie, by pushing him into the Acushnet River, on August 9, 1885, whereby he was drowned.

Sarah J. Robinson, Charles C. Beers and Thomas R. Smith, of Somerville, Middlesex County, for the murder of Lizzie A. Robinson, by poison, on February 1, 1886.

Sarah J. Robinson, Charles C. Beers and Thomas R. Smith, of Somerville, Middlesex County, for the murder of William J. Robinson, by poison, on August 9, 1886.

Patrick McDonald of Athol, Worcester County, for the murder of his wife, Margaret McDonald, with an axe, on August 18, 1886.

Abram J. Lamb, *alias* Sarah B. Wheaton, and Mary B. Elliot, all of Boston, Suffolk County, for the murder of Abram J. Lamb, *alias* the younger of that name, by poison, on October 16, 1886.

Emil F. Keupf of Boston, Suffolk County, for the murder of George F. Emmons, with a knife, November 25, 1886.

William B. O'Connor, otherwise Jockey Connor, of Lawrence, Essex County, for the murder of Hannah Langan, with an axe, July 25, 1886.

The case of The Attorney-General, *ex rel.* Civil Service Commissioners, *v.* The Mayor and Aldermen of Northampton is one of some general public interest, and of particular interest to all believers in the civil service law. The case is an information by the Attorney-General, asking that a writ of certiorari issue to compel the appointment of certain persons certified as qualified by the Civil Service Commissioners, by the Mayor and Aldermen aforesaid. The facts are as follows: Upon a requisition from the authorities of the city of Northampton, the Civil Service Examiner held an examination to secure a suitable person to be appointed on the police force of

the city. In accordance with the legal rules of the Civil Service Commissioners, three persons were certified as eligible. One of these three was designated as a veteran. It also happened that he had the highest per cent. in the competitive examination. The Mayor and Aldermen of the said city refused to appoint this man, but did appoint another, basing the action upon their supposed discretionary right of selection from the three persons certified as eligible. This discretionary right, it was claimed by the Civil Service Commissioners, did not exist. It was contended that, by the terms of the Civil Service Act, section 14, clause 6, chapter 320, Acts 1884, an absolute preference was provided for the veteran whose other qualifications were equal, — a state of facts existing in this particular case. The authorities of the city refused to accept this construction of the statute, and, there being several other similar cases, the above-mentioned proceedings were instituted. The case has been argued but not yet decided.

The civil case of much importance known as the “bay-window case,” — The Attorney General, *ex. rel.* Harbor and Land Commissioners, *v.* Henry Bigelow Williams, — which was referred to at some length in my last report, was not, as was supposed at that time, finally disposed of. The case had passed through all possible stages in the Supreme Judicial Court for the Commonwealth, and a final decree ordering the removal of the projections was made by the full court. The defendant then entered into an absolute agreement with the Harbor and Land Commissioners to remove the same on or before a certain time. After he had begun to remove the same, Mr. W. W. Bailey, — a citizen of New Hampshire, — to whom the defendant had mortgaged the whole property in question, filed a petition in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Massachusetts, asking that the defendant might be restrained from removing the bay-windows upon the ground that the value of the property was very materially decreased thereby. After several hearings, the United States Court refused to interfere with the decree of the State Court, and the petition of Bailey was refused. The defendant Williams removed the windows in accordance with his agreement. In accordance with the decree of the State Court he also paid the costs in full.

Two cases, — *Wesson v. Commonwealth* and the *Town of Milford v. Commonwealth*, — both referred to in my last report, are of considerable interest, inasmuch as in their decision an interpretation, as to effect and limitation, of chapter 195 of the Public Statutes will be necessary. The facts of the first case are as follows: Martin Wesson, with whom the Board of Trustees of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater made a contract for the employment of the inmates thereof, made a claim against the Commonwealth, by petition to the Superior Court, as provided in said chapter 195, for, as he says, the breach of said contract at the time of the burning of the buildings of the institution. The case was tried before Judges Pitman, Mason and Barker, sitting together, as provided in said chapter. The claim of the petitioner was disallowed, and the case was taken, on report, to the Supreme Judicial Court, where it has just been argued.

The second case was a suit by the town of Milford to recover certain sums of money paid for the support of a State pauper. It was tried before Judges Knowlton, Mason and Barker, who ruled that the case was not one coming within their jurisdiction under said chapter 195, — the claim not being one “founded on contract for the payment of money,” as provided by section 1 of said chapter. This case was also taken, on exceptions, to the Supreme Judicial Court, where it has just been argued.

In obedience to the resolve of the Legislature of 1884, chapter 61, I commenced bills in equity against the Boston & Albany Railroad, in the Supreme Judicial Court in Suffolk County; the same were heard before a single justice, and the demurrers of the defendant were sustained. The cases were then reserved at the request of the parties, and were argued before the full bench at the last January sitting. In both cases the bills were dismissed. Reported in 142 Mass. 146.

A case of considerable interest, — that of the *Commonwealth v. Frank Dextra*, — involving what is generally termed the “Sunday laws,” was tried. The defendant was a barber in the city of Worcester, and was complained of for keeping open his shop to do his usual and ordinary business on Sunday. His

defence was that shaving beards and cutting hair were works of necessity, and that hence he had a right to do them. The full court decided, upon exceptions, that the keeping open by the defendant of his shop to do his ordinary business with any one who might enter was in itself in violation of the statutes; and that the question of whether shaving beards and cutting hair was a matter of necessity was not involved, and overruled the exceptions.

The collections of this year are much larger in amount than for many years. This is owing to the corporation and insurance agents' taxes that have been received, some of which date back to the years of 1881 and 1882. The total collections of the year (for a more particular description of which see pp. 27-29 of this report) amount to \$22,717.19. Of this amount, \$16,653.17 was received from corporations for taxes; \$1,097.21 from insurance agents, and the balance, \$4,966.81, from various sources. See page 28.

The department has been called upon to advise with the heads of other departments of the State government much more than in years past. The business coming from those sources has been very materially increased.

The usual number of papers in requisition cases have been examined and forwarded to His Excellency the Governor with appropriate recommendations.

In accordance with the authority given me by chapter 214 of the Acts of 1886, for the publication of reports in capital trials, I have had prepared the proceedings in the trial of Thomas W. Piper for the murder of Mabel H. Young, the same being now in the hands of the State printers.

Harvey N. Shepard, esq., has continued in the office of Assistant Attorney-General, and has rendered faithful service. In accordance with the authority given me by chapter 216 of the Acts of 1886, I appointed Henry A. Wyman, esq., as an assistant in the department, who, in addition to the valuable service rendered in the preparation of briefs in criminal cases, etc., has had charge, and is entitled to the credit of, the collections which have been made by the department. I annex details of the work of the department, with tables.

EDGAR J. SHERMAN,

*Attorney-General.*

## TABLE

*Showing the Number of Criminal Cases pending on Questions of Law in the Supreme Judicial Court during the Year ending Jan. 20, 1887, and the Disposition thereof by Counties.*

COUNTIES.	Cases.	Decided for the Commonwealth.	Decided against the Commonwealth.	Argued, but not decided.	Pending.
Berkshire, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Bristol, . . . . .	8	6	2	-	-
Essex, . . . . .	7	4	1	-	2
Hampden, . . . . .	2	2	-	-	-
Hampshire, . . . . .	3	3	-	-	-
Middlesex, . . . . .	22	12	1	1	8
Norfolk, . . . . .	5	3	-	-	2
Plymouth, . . . . .	5	4	1	-	-
Suffolk, . . . . .	29	24	3	-	2
Worcester, . . . . .	22	17	4	1	-
Totals, . . . . .	104	76	12	2	14

## TABLE

*Showing the Number and Character of Criminal Cases pending on Questions of Law in the Supreme Judicial Court during the Year ending Jan. 20, 1887, and the Disposition thereof.*

OFFENCES.	Cases.	Decided for the Commonwealth.	Decided against the Commonwealth.	Argued, but not decided.	Pending.
Adulterated milk, possession of, . . . . .	6	5	-	-	1
Adulterated milk, sale of, . . . . .	1	-	1	-	-
Adultery, . . . . .	2	2	-	-	-
Assault, . . . . .	4	3	-	-	1
Assault with dangerous weapon, . . . . .	3	1	2	-	-
Breaking and entering, . . . . .	2	2	-	-	-
Burning a building, . . . . .	2	2	-	-	-
Conspiracy, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Embezzlement, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
False pretences, . . . . .	6	5	1	-	-
Fraudulent voting, . . . . .	1	-	-	1	-
Gaming implements, possession of, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Gambling, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Houses of ill-fame, . . . . .	2	2	-	-	-
Idle and disorderly persons, . . . . .	2	2	-	-	-
Illegal fishing, . . . . .	1	-	1	-	-
Innholder without license, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Interfering with Assistant Milk Inspector, . . . . .	1	-	1	-	-
Keeping a billiard table without license, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Larceny, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Liquor, illegal keeping of, . . . . .	14	10	-	1	3
Liquor, illegal sale of, . . . . .	16	11	3	-	2
Liquor, illegal transportation of, . . . . .	3	-	1	-	2
Liquor nuisance, . . . . .	17	13	1	-	3
Lobsters, illegal sale of, . . . . .	1	-	-	-	1
Nuisance, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Night walking, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Obstructing highway, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Polygamy, . . . . .	2	-	1	-	1
Present at unlawful game, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Violation of municipal ordinance, . . . . .	2	2	-	-	-
Violation of recognizance, . . . . .	2	2	-	-	-
Violations of the Lord's day act, . . . . .	2	2	-	-	-
Venire, exceptions to, . . . . .	1	1	-	-	-
Total, . . . . .	104	76	12	2	14



## CASES

*Argued and conducted by the Attorney-General, during the Year ending Jan. 20, 1887.*

## BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

West Parish in Barnstable *et al.* v. The Inhabitants of the Town of Barnstable *et al.* and Attorney-General. S. J. C. *Execution of school trust.* Pending.

## BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

Commonwealth v. Henry C. Jones. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance. Violation of school-house law.* Report. Judgment on the verdict.

## BRISTOL COUNTY.

Commonwealth v. Patrick O'Leary. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of intoxicating liquor to a minor.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.

Commonwealth v. Charles E. Carr. S. J. C. *Obstructing a public highway.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.

Commonwealth v. William Wallace. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance. Violation of Sunday law and maintaining disorderly house.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.

Commonwealth v. William N. Alden. S. J. C. *Recovery of forfeiture under chap. 80, § 21, Public Statutes. Public nuisance.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.

Commonwealth v. Michael F. Kane. S. J. C. *Maintaining liquor nuisance. Violation of screen law.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.

Commonwealth v. James F. Moore. S. J. C. *Maintaining liquor nuisance.* Exceptions to members of Law and Order League serving as jurymen, said league, through its agents, having made the complaint. Exceptions S. C. Sustained.

Commonwealth v. Horace A. Woodward. S. J. C. *Keeping and exposing for sale intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.

- Commonwealth *v.* Samuel P. Lee. S. J. C. *Polygamy.* Exceptions S. C. Sustained.
- Commonwealth *v.* Charles Johnson. S. J. C. *Murder.* Plea of manslaughter accepted.
- Commonwealth *v.* Herbert I. Hoxie. S. J. C. *Murder.* Pending.

## ESSEX COUNTY.

- Commonwealth *v.* Moses Lufkin. S. J. C. *Keeping intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* Laura A. Sargent. S. J. C. *Nuisance. House of ill-fame. Keeping intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* Albert C. Andrews. S. J. C. *Illegal keeping intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Daniel Callahan. S. J. C. *Illegal transportation of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Pending.
- Commonwealth *v.* John H. Cilley and Asa M. Lovering. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance, illegal sale of.* Exceptions S. C. Pending.
- Commonwealth *v.* Patrick Carbin. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* John G. Cheney, Jr. S. J. C. *Assault with dangerous weapon.* Exceptions S. C. Sustained.
- Commonwealth *v.* William Russell. S. J. C. *Murder.* Defendant committed to the Taunton Lunatic Asylum to await the further order of the court.
- Commonwealth *v.* William B. O'Conner. S. J. C. *Murder.* Not yet tried.

## HAMPDEN COUNTY.

- Commonwealth *v.* Frank E. Stevens. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Timothy O'Grady. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* John Kemmler. S. J. C. *Murder.* Defendant in Worcester Hospital.

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY.

- Commonwealth *v.* Patrick Hall. S. J. C. *Assault.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Clarence C. Lynes. S. J. C. *Adultery.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.

Commonwealth *v.* William H. Alden. S. J. C. *Burning a building.*  
Exceptions S. C. Waived.

Commonwealth *v.* Benjamin Eastman. S. J. C. *Murder.* Defendant in Worcester Hospital.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Commonwealth *v.* Matty Hallahan. S. J. C. *Playing cards on the Lord's day.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.

Commonwealth *v.* Remi Gauvin. S. J. C. *Burning a building.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.

Commonwealth *v.* George E. Howe. S. J. C. *Fraudulent voting.* Exceptions S. C. Argued but not decided.

Commonwealth *v.* Edward Raftery. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance. Violation of screen law.* Exceptions S. C. Defaulted.

Commonwealth *v.* John McCarty. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance. Illegal sale of.* Exceptions S. C. Defaulted.

Commonwealth *v.* William M. Devlin. S. J. C. *False pretences.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.

Commonwealth *v.* Henry W. Colson. S. J. C. *Conspiracy.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.

Commonwealth *v.* Timothy Desmond. S. J. C. *Assault with intent to kill. Assault.* Exceptions S. C. Judgment on the verdict.

Commonwealth *v.* George M. Sawtelle. S. J. C. *Embezzlement and larceny.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.

Commonwealth *v.* John Rourke. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.

Commonwealth *v.* Patrick Dorney. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.

Commonwealth *v.* George F. Colton. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.

Commonwealth *v.* Loami G. Richardson. S. J. C. *Illegal fishing in a great pond.* Exceptions S. C. Sustained.

Commonwealth *v.* Thomas F. Kenney. S. J. C. *Obtaining money under false pretences.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.

Attorney-General *ex rel.* Samuel Patch and William Guinan *v.* Henry P. Sherman and Henry W. Howe, Commissioners of Public Buildings. *Quo warranto to try title of.* Pending.

The Attorney-General by information *v.* Rufus H. Brigham, executor, *et als.* Report. Information dismissed.

Commonwealth *v.* John S. Keefe. S. J. C. *Illegal transportation of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Not yet heard.

- Commonwealth *v.* Owen Luddy. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of liquors to be drunk on premises.* Exceptions S. C. Not yet heard.
- Commonwealth *v.* Alvorus Hersey. S. J. C. *Illegal keeping intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Not yet tried.
- Commonwealth *v.* Alvorus Hersey. S. J. C. *Illegal keeping intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Not yet tried.
- Commonwealth *v.* Alvorus Hersey. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance.* Exceptions S. C. Not yet tried.
- Commonwealth *v.* Daniel D. Sheehan. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance.* Exceptions S. C. Not yet tried.
- Commonwealth *v.* James K. Jardine. S. J. C. *Assault and battery.* Exceptions S. C. Not yet tried.
- Commonwealth *v.* Charles W. Lockhardt. S. J. C. *Possession with intent to sell adulterated milk.* Exceptions S. C. Not yet tried.
- Commonwealth *v.* George Francis Baker and Mary Ann Jane Baker. *Murder.* Not guilty as to George Francis, and guilty of murder in the second degree as to Mary Ann Jane Baker.
- Commonwealth *v.* Sarah J. Robinson, Charles C. Beers, Thomas R. Smith. *Murder, Lizzie A. Robinson.* Not yet heard.
- Commonwealth *v.* Same. *Murder, William J. Robinson.* Not yet heard.
- Commonwealth *v.* Mortimer Johnson and Sarah A. Johnson. S. J. C. *Murder.* Mortimer escaped from prison and is at large; Sarah released on her own recognizance.
- Commonwealth *v.* Joseph Sullivan. *Murder.* Defendant in Taunton Lunatic Hospital.
- Commonwealth *v.* Charles Hayes. S. J. C. *Murder.* Convicted of murder in the second degree.

## NORFOLK COUNTY.

- Commonwealth *v.* Catherine T. Tripp. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance; sale on Sunday.* Exception S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* Michael Kerrissey. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance.* Exception S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Edward McCarty. S. J. C. *Keeping a billiard hall without license.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Edward H. Galligan and James Galligan. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance.* Exceptions S. C. Not yet heard.
- Commonwealth *v.* James A. Warren. S. J. C. *Polygamy.* Exceptions S. C. Not yet heard.

- Commonwealth *v.* Dennis Carney. *Murder.* Defendant in Stoughton Almshouse.
- Commonwealth *v.* David Scannel. *Murder.* Defendant in Taunton Hospital.
- Commonwealth *v.* William A. Lyons. *Murder.* Defendant discharged on his own recognizance.

## PLYMOUTH COUNTY.

- Commonwealth *v.* Samuel F. Besse. S. J. C. *Exceptions to venire in murder trial.* S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Samuel F. Besse. S. J. C. *Murder.* Convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hung.
- Commonwealth *v.* John H. Welch. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance.* Exception S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Michael Rooney. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* James Keenan. S. J. C. *Larceny.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* William J. Foley and Thomas F. Slattery. S. J. C. *Assault with dangerous weapon.* Exception S. C. *Nol pros'd.*

## WORCESTER COUNTY.

- Commonwealth *v.* Samuel H. Wood. S. J. C. *Obtaining money under false pretences.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Samuel H. Wood. S. J. C. *Same.* Exceptions S. C. Sustained.
- Commonwealth *v.* Samuel H. Wood. S. J. C. *Same.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Otis F. Hoyle. S. J. C. *Keeping house of ill-fame.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* James Nineen. S. J. C. *Illegal keeping of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* Carl Roosnell. S. J. C. (two cases). *Criminal assault of girl under ten years of age.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Briant or O'Brine. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of liquor.* Acts of agent. Exceptions S. C. Sustained.
- Commonwealth *v.* James Stevenson. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.* Acts of agent. Exceptions S. C. Sustained.
- Commonwealth *v.* Moaise Chapdalaine. S. J. C. *Illegal transportation of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Sustained.

- Commonwealth *v.* Napoleon Manderville. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Miles Durkin. S. J. C. *Unlawfully keeping intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* William O'Toole. S. J. C. *Breaking and entering.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* Patrick C. McHugh. S. J. C. *Keeping liquors with intent to sell.* Exceptions S. C. Argued but not yet decided.
- Commonwealth *v.* Robert Kelley. S. J. C. *Keeping intoxicating liquors with intent to sell.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* Napoleon Haven. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* Frank Dextra. S. J. C. *Keeping open shop on the Lord's day.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Leon N. Moreau. S. J. C. *Presuming to be an innholder, having no license.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* Leon N. Moreau and James Dineen. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* Chester A. Sawyer *et al.* *Assault upon an officer.* S. J. C. Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* John Molter. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Samuel Chadwick. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Intoxicating Liquors, Thomas Kelley, claimant. S. J. C. *Illegal keeping of intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Patrick McDonald. S. J. C. *Murder.* Not yet heard.
- Commonwealth *v.* Charles W. Cobleigh. S. J. C. *Murder.* Sent to insane hospital to await the further order of court.

## SUFFOLK COUNTY, CRIMINAL.

- Commonwealth *v.* Benjamin F. Holt. S. J. C. *Possession of adulterated milk.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* James Magee. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Karl Wachendorf. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of liquor.* Exceptions S. C. Sustained.

- Commonwealth *v.* Minnie Brown. S. J. C. *Idle and disorderly person.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Anson P. Rowe. S. J. C. *Violation of municipal ordinance.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Clarence A. Smith. S. J. C. *Interfering with assistant of milk inspector.* Exceptions S. C. Sustained.
- Commonwealth *v.* Joseph Lagorio. S. J. C. *Violation of municipal ordinance.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Jane A. Cameron. S. J. C. *Liquor nuisance.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* John J. Teevens. S. J. C. Report. *Suit against sureties on a recognizance.* Report discharged.
- Commonwealth *v.* Albert Tobias. S. J. C. *Sale of adulterated milk.* Exceptions S. C. Sustained.
- Commonwealth *v.* Wm. Hogarty. S. J. C. *Being present at an unlawful game.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Charles L. Blood and John H. Evans. S. J. C. *Obtaining money under false pretences.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Daniel O. Hanson. S. J. C. *Possession, with intent to sell, adulterated milk.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* Charles Haley. S. J. C. *Illegal keeping intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Defaulted.
- Commonwealth *v.* Certain Gaming Implements, William P. Higgins, claimant. *Unlawfully keeping gaming implements.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Webster Smith. S. J. C. *Possession, with intent to sell, adulterated milk.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Frank Melrose. S. J. C. *Idle and disorderly conduct.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* John Glennon *et al.* S. J. C. *Breaking and entering.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* Oscar Julius. S. J. C. *Illegal sale of intoxicating liquors, sale to intoxicated person.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Amada Long. S. J. C. *Keeping house of ill-fame.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* Alice Haskell. S. J. C. *Nightwalking.* Exceptions S. C. Waived.
- Commonwealth *v.* J. J. Teevens. S. J. C. *Report on recognizance.* Second time before S. J. C. Judgment for the Commonwealth.

- Commonwealth *v.* Frank W. Spear. S. J. C. *Possession, with intent to sell, adulterated milk.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Charles R. Moody. S. J. C. *Gambling.* Jurisdiction of Municipal Court. Exceptions S. C. Judgment for the Commonwealth.
- Commonwealth *v.* John H. Kenneson. S. J. C. *Possession, with intent to sell, adulterated milk.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* James O'Donnell. S. J. C. *Unlawfully keeping intoxicating liquors.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Charles H. Trider. S. J. C. *Adultery.* Exceptions S. C. Overruled.
- Commonwealth *v.* Patrick J. Murray. S. J. C. *Illegal keeping intoxicating liquors.* Jurisdiction Municipal Court. Exceptions S. C. Not yet tried.
- Commonwealth *v.* William A. Barber. S. J. C. *Possession, with intent to sell, of lobsters less than ten and one-half inches long.* Exceptions S. C. Not yet heard.
- Commonwealth *v.* Abram J. Lamb *alias, et al.* *Murder.* Not yet tried.
- Commonwealth *v.* Emil F. Kempf. *Murder.* Not yet tried.
- Commonwealth *v.* Thomas Brennan. S. J. C. *Murder.* Defendant escaped from Taunton Lunatic Hospital, April 30, 1880.
- Commonwealth *v.* Frank Mitchell. S. J. C. *Murder.* Prisoner discharged on his own recognizance.
- Commonwealth *v.* Timothy Coffee and John Coffee. *Murder.* John Coffee died; Timothy Coffee tried and convicted of manslaughter and sentenced: seven years.

## SUFFOLK COUNTY, CIVIL.

- Commonwealth, by Board of Commissioners of Savings Banks, *v.* North Bridgewater Savings Bank.
- Same *v.* Sandwich Savings Bank.
- Same *v.* Reading Savings Bank.
- Same *v.* Scituate Savings Bank.
- Same *v.* Lancaster Savings Bank. S. J. C. *Petitions for injunctions and winding up of affairs.* Affairs in the hands of receivers.
- Francis J. Stratton *et al.* *v.* The Attorney-General. S. J. C. *Charitable trust.* Pending.
- The Attorney-General *v.* Proprietors Rowe's Wharf. S. J. C. *Information for an injunction.* Not yet heard,



- In re* Estate of William Hale. Probate Court. *Claim of next of kin.*  
Pending.
- Commonwealth *v.* Boston & Albany Railroad Company. S. J. C.  
*Information to restrain the payment of dividends.* Demurrer  
sustained. Case reported to the full court. Information dis-  
missed.
- Commonwealth *v.* Boston & Albany Railroad Company. S. J. C.  
*Information to restrain the issue of 6,527 shares.* Demurrer sus-  
tained. Case reported to the full court. Information dismissed.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* A. W. Locke, Manager Troy & Green-  
field Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, *v.* Fitchburg Railroad. S. J.  
C. *Complaint to enforce compliance with rule of manager.* Infor-  
mation dismissed.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Railroad Commissioners and Selectmen  
of the Town of Wareham *v.* Onset Bay Grove Association and  
E. Gerry Brown. S. J. C. *Injunction to restrain the operation  
of railroad.* Pending.
- Attorney-General *ex rel.* William R. Mann and others, Committee of  
Inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, *v.* Revere Copper Company.  
S. J. C. *Information for injunction against drawing water from  
Massapoag Pond.* Pending.
- Mary J. Moore, Mary B. Thompson and Belinda A. Dolan, peti-  
tioners, *v.* Commonwealth. S. J. C. *Damages for flats taken by  
Harbor and Land Commissioners.* Not yet heard.
- Richard T. Parker *et al.*, Trustee, *v.* City of Gloucester. S. J. C.  
*Petition to confirm sale of land.* Final decree entered.
- George White, Executor, *v.* City of Boston *et al.* S. J. C. Pending.
- Commonwealth, by Insurance Commissioners, *v.* New England Marine  
Insurance Company.
- Same *v.* Conway Mutual Fire Insurance Company. S. J. C. *Peti-  
tions for injunctions and winding up of affairs.* Affairs in the  
hands of receivers.
- Commonwealth, by Deputy Insurance Commissioner, *v.* Neptune  
Insurance Company. S. J. C. *Petition for injunction and wind-  
ing up of affairs.* In the hands of a receiver.
- Petition of Trustees of Hawes Fund in Boston for instructions under  
will. S. J. C. Pending.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Deputy Tax Commissioner *v.* Serson  
Kauffer Electric Battery Company. *Petition for dissolution.*  
Decreed.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Civil Service Commissioners *v.* The  
Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Northampton. *Writ of  
certiorari to compel appointment of veterans under chapter 320,  
Acts 1884.* Argued, not yet decided.

- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Treasurer *v.* Western Union Telegraph Company. *Injunction for non-payment of taxes for the year 1885.* Defendant transfers the case to United States Court, which see.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Treasurer *v.* The Midland Improvement and Construction Company. *Suit for taxes of 1882.* Pending.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Treasurer *v.* Standard Paper Bag Company. *Suit for taxes 1882.* Pending.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Treasurer *v.* Standard Pipe Company. *Suit for taxes 1883.* Pending.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Treasurer *v.* Union Furnace Company. *Suit for taxes 1883.* Pending.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Treasurer *v.* Duplex Tag Company. *Suit for taxes 1884, 1885.* Pending.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Treasurer *v.* Hall Elevator Safety Attachment Company. *Suit for taxes 1884, 1885.* Pending.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Treasurer *v.* Sunapee Saw Mills. *Suit for taxes 1884.* Discharged in insolvency.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Treasurer *v.* Lighthall Cable Tramway Company. *Suit for taxes 1885.* Pending.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Treasurer *v.* Town of Fern. *Suit for board of pauper.* Pending.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Commissioner of Corporations *v.* Haverhill Steamboat Express Company. *Failure to file certificate of condition under chapter 106, section 54.* Complied.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Secretary of State *v.* George Robinson, Standing Justice District Court, Eastern Hampden. *Failure to make returns under chapter 16, section 72, Public Statutes, for 1884 and 1885.* Made for 1885. Pending as to 1884. Referred to District Attorney.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Commissioner of Corporations *v.* The Palace Marine Berth Company. *Failure to comply with chapter 330, Acts of 1884.* Complied.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Gas Commissioners *v.* Citizens' Steam and Gas Light Company of Lynn. *Failure to make returns under chapter 314, section 7, Acts 1885, and chapter 346, section 2, Acts 1886.* Complied.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Commissioner of Corporations *v.* Huston Ship Berth Company. *Failure to file certificate of condition.* Public Statutes, chapter 106, sections 54, 81. Complied.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Commissioner of Corporations *v.* Dudley Hosiery Mills. *Failure to file certificate of condition.* Public Statutes, chapter 106, sections 54, 81. Complied.

- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Secretary of Commonwealth *v.* I. N. Luce, Trial Justice, Cottage City. *Failure to make return required by chapter 169, Acts 1886, for the year 1886.* Complied.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Secretary of the Commonwealth *v.* George Robinson, Standing Justice. *Failure to make return required by chapter 169, Acts 1886, for the year 1886.* Pending. Referred to District Attorney.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Commissioner of Corporations *v.* E. B. D. Nyr and John H. Shelburne. *Failure to comply with chapter 15, section 7, Public Statutes.* Complied.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Secretary of State *v.* Assessors Town of Colrain. *Failure to deposit copy of valuation book.* Proceedings stayed; book had been received.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Gas Commissioner *v.* Holyoke Water Power Company. *Failure to make return, chapter 314, section 7, Acts 1885.* Proceedings stayed.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Gas Commissioners *v.* Miller's River Gas Light Company. *Complaint for violation of chapter 61, section 14, Public Statutes.* Proceedings stayed.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Harbor and Land Commissioners *v.* Marcellus S. Ayer *et al.* and Spiritual Fraternity. S. J. C. *Information for the violation of condition in the deed from the Commonwealth.* Argued, and reserved for consideration by full court. Not yet decided.
- The Town of Milford *v.* Commonwealth. *Suit for recovery of \$1,479.50 for board of pauper.* Court of Claims. Verdict for Commonwealth. Petition denied.
- The Town of Milford, petitioner, *v.* Commonwealth. S. J. C. *Suit for recovery of price for board of pauper.* Exceptions. Argued, but not decided.
- Martin Wesson, petitioner, *v.* Commonwealth. S. J. C. *Exceptions to decision of Court of Claims against petition.* Argued, but not decided.
- The Boston Manufacturing Company *v.* Commonwealth. *Petition for abatement and repayment of tax.* Not yet heard.
- Petition, *habeas corpus.* Mrs. Hyman Louis Schnitzer. *Refusal to testify before fire marshal, city of Boston, who committed her for contempt.* Petition allowed.
- The Attorney-General by information *v.* Hoosac Valley Street Railway Company and Selectmen of North Adams. *Information to annual location of railway.* Information dismissed.
- Petition, Michael Clark, for writ of *habeas corpus.* Petition denied.

The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Deputy Tax Commissioner *versus* —

A. Storrs & Bement Company.  
Adams Gas Light Company.  
American Cultivator Publishing Company.  
Andover Review Company.  
Barnes Manufacturing Company.  
Bee Newspaper Company.  
Berkshire Woolen Company.  
Boston Daily Advertiser.  
Boston District Telegraph Company.  
Boston Gas Improvement Company.  
Boston Net and Twine Company.  
Brockton and Abington Street Railway Company.  
Budget Publishing Company.  
Chicopee Folding Box Company.  
Cochran Hill Mining Company.  
Crown Hill Phosphate Company.  
District Telegraph Company.  
Dunbar Company.  
Dwight & Hoyt Construction Company.  
Electric Storage and Light Company.  
Elsley School Furniture Company.  
Equitable Water Meter Company.  
Florence Machine Company.  
Goulding Mills.  
Hampden Cotton Mills.  
Hampden Watch Company.  
Haverhill Co-operative Association.  
Holliston Water Company.  
J. R. Nichols Corporation.  
Knights of Labor Co-operative Boot and Shoe Company.  
Knitted Mattress Company.  
L. L. Brown Paper Company.  
Lancaster Water Company.  
Laskey Manufacturing Company.  
Lechemere Rendering Company.  
Linwood Woolen Company.  
Lowell Spool and Bobbin Company.  
Manufacturing Gazette Publishing Company.  
Massasoit Packing Company.  
Mayall Patent Company.  
Mayo Electric Manufacturing Company.  
Meigs Elevated Railway Coast.

Milton Manufacturing Company.  
 Morgan Silver Company.  
 Mutual News Company.  
 Nantasket Beach Hotel Company.  
 New England Iron Company.  
 North Star Manufacturing Company.  
 Peoples' Gas Company.  
 Perennial Garden Company of Boston.  
 Pittsfield Street Railway Company.  
 Plymouth Cordage Company.  
 Raymond Skate Company.  
 Southern Berkshire Cheese Company.  
 Springfield Bicycle Manufacturing Company.  
 Standard Envelope Company.  
 Standard File Company.  
 Stevens Furnace Company.  
 Suffolk Bottling Company.  
 Suffolk Iron Works.  
 Tripp Metallic Packing Company.  
 Turner's Falls Lumber Company.  
 Union Co-operative Canadienne de Lowell.  
 United Lines Telegraph Company.  
 United States Watch Company.  
 Vogel Power Compensator Company.  
 Wansesit Power Company.  
 Wilder Manufacturing Company.  
 Woolson Machine Company.  
 Worcester Elevator Company.

*Failure to make returns under chapter 13, section 38 of the Public Statutes, for the year 1886. Complied with. No injunctions filed.*

The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Deputy Tax Commissioner *versus* —

Boston Exhaust Ventilator Company.  
 Duplex Tag Company.  
 Ladd Gimlet Screw Company.  
 Lighthall Cable Tramway Company of Boston.  
 Massachusetts Rolling Stock Company.  
 Standard Pipe Company.  
 Sun Electric and Illuminating Company.  
 Sunapee Saw Mill Company.  
 Union Chemical Company.

*Failure to make returns under chapter 13, section 38 of the Public Statutes, for the year 1886. Pending.*

The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Treasurer *versus* —

American Cultivator Publishing Company.  
 American Oil Stove Company.  
 American Rapid Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.  
 Bagnall and Loud Block Company.  
 Bankers' and Merchants' Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.  
 Boston and Hingham Steamboat Company.  
 Boston Clock Company.  
 Budget Publishing Company.  
 Butcher Polish Company.  
 Cape Ann Granite Company.  
 Charles River Street Railway Company.  
 Childs and Kent Express Company.  
 Consumers' Gas Company of Boston.  
 Crystal Emery Wheel Company.  
 Educational Supply Company.  
 Fall River Merino Company.  
 Goulding Mills.  
 Hamilton Vocalion Organ Manufacturing Company.  
 Hero Cough Syrup Company.  
 L. A. May Company.  
 Lancaster Water Company.  
 Lewis Engraving Company.  
 Lockwood Manufacturing Company.  
 Manufacturers' Gazette Publishing Company.  
 Marlborough Schuyler Electric Light Company.  
 Mayall's Patents Company.  
 Mutual News Company.  
 Mystic Rubber Company.  
 Nantucket R. R. Company.  
 National Color Printing Company.  
 Phoenix Brewing Company.  
 Riverside Lumber Company.  
 Snow Paper Company.  
 South Boston Iron Works Company.  
 Telegram Publishing Company.  
 Vendome Cigar Manufacturing Company.  
 Western Union Telegraph Company.  
 Acushnet Street Railway Company.  
 Boston Wall Paper Company.

*Suits for non-payment of taxes for 1886.* Pending. (Received January 4.)

The Attorney-General *ex rel* Treasurer *versus* —

Loring Paper and Twine Company, corp. tax, 1882, . . .	\$76 40
Standard Manufacturing Company, corp. tax, 1882, '83, '84, . . .	89 60
Crystal Emery Wheel Company, corp. tax, 1883, 1884, . . .	677 03
Hovey Publishing Company, corp. tax, 1883, . . .	341 54
Lechemere Rendering Company, corp. tax, 1883, . . .	27 33
Rayer & Lincoln Seaming Machine Company, corp. tax, 1883, . . .	9 35
Rhode Island & Massachusetts Railroad Company, corp. tax, 1883, . . .	1,276 11
American Cultivator Publishing Company, corp. tax, 1884, 1885, . . .	319 14
Annisquam Mills Company, corp. tax, 1884, . . .	1,380 87
Budget Publishing Company, corp. tax, 1884, 1885, . . .	304 94
Butcher Polish Company, corp. tax, 1884, 1885, . . .	143 28
Chicopee Folding Box Company, corp. tax, 1884, 1885, . . .	236 87
Electric Storage and Light Company, corp. tax, 1884, . . .	171 54
Lockwood Manufacturing Company, corp. tax, 1884, . . .	3,330 00
Magnesco Calcite Fire Proof Company, corp. tax, 1884, 1885, . . .	351 61
Manufacturers' Gazette Publishing Company, corp. tax, 1884, 1885, . . .	173 95
Nemosset Company, corp. tax, 1884, . . .	92 01
Newburyport Quarry Company, corp. tax, 1884, . . .	172 13
Oriental Coal Oil Company, corp. tax, 1884, 1885, . . .	220 19
People's Ice Company, corp. tax, 1884, . . .	273 46
People's Lines Company, corp. tax, 1884, . . .	172 13
Security Associates, corp. tax, 1884, . . .	428 72
Springfield Blanket Company, corp. tax, 1884, . . .	482 33
Suffolk Iron Works, corp. tax, 1884, . . .	303 55
Union Stone Company, corp. tax, 1884, . . .	595 37
United Manufacturing Company, corp. tax, 1884, 1885, . . .	437 63
Walter Heywood Chair Company, corp. tax, 1884, . . .	1,096 65
Boston and Hingham Steamboat Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	619 57
Brockton and South Abington Street Railroad Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	42 42
Chas. F. Bates Manufacturing Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	50 00
Charlestown Enterprise Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	31 11
Carrier Telephone Bell Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	57 67
Elliott Paper Box Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	63 63
Knights of Labor Co-operative Publishing Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	18 10
Mayall Patent Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	9 05
Merrimac River Towing Company, corp. tax, 1884, 1885, . . .	632 38
Mutual News Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	72 30
National Color Printing Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	435 23
S. K. Smith Silk Manufacturing Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	227 75
S. L. Wiley Construction Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	707 00
The L. A. May Company, corp. tax, 1885, . . .	503 23

The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Treasurer <i>versus</i> —	
Bartlett, D. L. (Insurance Agent), tax, 1881, . . . . .	\$0 56
Cutler, N. S. (Insurance Agent), tax, 1882, . . . . .	1 10
Slade, A. K., Jr. (Insurance Agent), tax, 1883, . . . . .	81 04
Bennett, D. F. (Insurance Agent), tax, 1884, 1885, . . . . .	38 79
Bush, A. L. (Insurance Agent), tax, 1884, 1885, . . . . .	97 14
Denfield, L. E. (Insurance Agent), tax, 1884, . . . . .	80
Morrissey, H. (Insurance Agent), tax, 1884, . . . . .	27 98
Morrissey, J., and Son (Insurance Agent), tax, 1884, . . . . .	16 15
Cardell, E. L. & Company (Insurance Agent), tax, 1884, . . . . .	81 12
Goodwin, F. J. (Insurance Agent), tax, 1881, 1885, . . . . .	27 00
Wait, A. W. (Insurance Agent), tax, 1881, 1885, . . . . .	23 87
Jackson, E. T. & Company (Insurance Agent), tax, 1884, . . . . .	18 72
Howland, S. D. (Insurance Agent), tax, 1885, . . . . .	198 31
Judd, F. A. (Insurance Agent), tax, 1885, . . . . .	484 63
The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Treasurer Danvers Lunatic Hospital <i>versus</i> —	
Gardiner, Eliza G., for board, . . . . .	40 00
Colburn, Ellen A., for board, . . . . .	20 00
Burt, Rowena D., for board, . . . . .	5 00
Wilson, Lizzie, for board, . . . . .	197 66
The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Treasurer <i>v.</i> Ford and Skinner, in- dorsed note, town of Stow, . . . . .	
	1,500 00
The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Treasurer <i>v.</i> Citizens' Steam Gas Light Company, of Lynn, proportion of expense of Gas Commissioners, . . . . .	
	4 64
The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Commissioner of Corporations <i>v.</i> Butcher Cyclometer Company, failure to pay fee Pub. Stat., chap. 106, sect. 84, . . . . .	
	5 00
The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Treasurer <i>v.</i> Lowell Spool and Bobbin Company, claim for taxes, proved in Insolvent Court, . . . . .	
	125 61
The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Gas Commissioners <i>v.</i> Miller's River Gas Light Company, violation of Pub. Stat., chap. 61, sect. 14: fine \$100; paid over, . . . . .	
	100 00
The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Commissioner of Corporations <i>v.</i> Atlantic and Gulf Stream Transportation Company, failure to pay fee. Pub. Stat., chap. 106, sect. 84. Received June 15, . . . . .	
	5 00
The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Treasurer <i>v.</i> James A. Howard, guardian, board of insane pauper, . . . . .	
	1,025 61
The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Treasurer <i>v.</i> T. J. Dacey, guardian, board of insane pauper, . . . . .	
	859 61
The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Treasurer <i>v.</i> John A. Coffee, guar- dian, board of insane pauper (pending), . . . . .	
	100 00



The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Insurance Commissioner <i>v.</i> Fidelity and Casualty Insurance Company of New York, penalty for the violation of sects. 227, 228, 229 of chap. 119 of the Pub.Stat. Fine received, . . . . .	\$500 00
The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Treasurer <i>v.</i> Hecla Cord and Paper Company, claim in insolvency for unpaid taxes, . . . . .	407 77
The Attorney-General <i>ex rel.</i> Harbor and Land Commissioners <i>v.</i> Henry Bigelow Williams, costs in same received, . . . . .	70 91
Total collections, . . . . .	\$22,717 19

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

William W. Bailey *v.* Attorney-General *ex rel.* Harbor and Land Commissioners. *Complaint for injunction to prevent removal of bay windows on the property of Henry Bigelow Williams, in accordance with the decree of the S. J. C. of the Commonwealth.* Injunction refused. Judgment for Commonwealth.

The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Treasurer of the Commonwealth *v.* Western Union Telegraph Company. *Injunction, non-payment of tax.* From State Court. Pending.

Hannah B. Hall, administratrix estate George M. Hall, *v.* A. W. Locke *et al.*, Manager Troy & Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel. *Suit for injuries received on defendant's road.* Not yet tried.

Hannah B. Hall, administratrix estate Agnes M. Hall, *v.* Augustus W. Locke *et al.*, Manager, etc. *Same.* Not yet heard.

## CASES

*Requiring the Attorney-General's Supervision during the Year, though not conducted by him.*

Attorney-General *ex rel.* v. James O. Parker. S. J. C. *Trust.*  
Pending.

Attorney-General *ex rel.* v. William B. Washburn *et al.* *Charitable Trust.*

Attorney-General *ex rel.* B. H. and H. P. Nash v. City of Boston *et al.* S. J. C. *Injunction to restrain the removal of sidewalk on Boylston Street, Boston.* Information dismissed.

Attorney-General *ex rel.* Bay State Gas Company, *quo warranto.*  
Demurrer sustained.

Bullard *et al.* v. Chandler *et al.* S. J. C. *Construction of a will.*  
Pending.

The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Hawes Place Congregational Church and the Second Hawes Congregational Society v. Trustees of the Hawes Fund of Boston. S. J. C. Not yet heard.

Holmes *et al.* v. Coates *et al.* S. J. C. *Construction of a will.*  
Pending.

## HEARINGS.

- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* Robert Davis and other taxpayers of Lunenburgh *v.* The Town of Lunenburgh and Charles A. Goodrich, James L. Harrington and Horace Parker. *Petition for use of Attorney-General's name in information to restrain use of school-house for other than school purposes.* Hearing. Petition denied.
- The Attorney-General *ex rel.* City of Chelsea *v.* Boston & Lowell Railroad Company and the Ocean Terminal Railroad Company. *Petition for use of Attorney-General's name in information against laying tracks across Chelsea bridge.* Hearing had and continued.
- Petition, Boston Blower Company *v.* National Color Printing Company. *Non-payment in of capital stock.* Hearing had and continued.
- Petition of Rufus S. Pickering of Woburn *v.* Boston & Lowell Railroad Company. *Refusal to stop trains at Cross Street, Woburn, as heretofore.* Hearing had. Matter adjusted by parties interested.
- Application of the Selectmen of the Town of Abington for information *v.* Henry G. Crossley of Abington *for removal of nuisance in obstructing town way.* Hearing had. Application dismissed.
- Allen Coffin, for certain citizens of Nantucket, *v.* The Assessors of said town. *Permission to bring writ of mandamus in Attorney-General's name.* Refused.















